

Governor's Office of Health Enhancement and  
Lifestyle Planning (GOHELP)  
Advisory Council Meeting Notes  
December 16, 2009

Members Present: Martha Walker, Chair; Karen Bowling; Denise Campbell; Brandon Tinney; Steve Sebert; Angela Vance; Sonia Chambers; Sharon Carte; Ryan Ferns; Tanya Cyrus (representing Ted Cheatham, PEIA); Marsha Dadisman (representing Secretary Hardy, DHHR); Amanda Pasdon; Gary Johnson; Martha White (representing Delegate Don Perdue for a portion of the meeting); Delegate Don Perdue; Sallie Daugherty (representing Senator Prezioso); Nancy Malecek and Bill Kenney (representing Jane Cline for a portion of the meeting); Jane Cline

Staff Present: Debbie Waller

Interested Others: Rick Simon; Sarah Chouinard; Linda West; Tim Murphy; Victor Mullins; Raymona Kinneberg; Jill McDaniel; Cindy Snyder; Kristy Blower; Keri Kennedy; Tom Sims; Melinda Nugent; Helen Snyder; Emily Proctor; Perry Bryant; Thom Stevens; Philip Reale

Martha Walker, Chair, welcomed everyone and self-introductions were made. She directed members to the packet of information and the meeting notes from the October 21, 2009 Advisory Council meeting. If members had any changes that needed to be made to the notes, they were told to email Debbie Waller.

Walker then gave a brief overview of a document that was sent to all Council members, "Towards a Healthy WV: A Strategic Vision and Action Plan". This piece was produced in 2007 by Public Works LLC at the request of Governor Manchin. Pieces of this document will be used as a starting point for the Five Year Strategic Plan.

Walker introduced Rick Simon, CEO, Tri-County Health Center and Sarah Chouinard, MD, Chief Medical Advisor of the Community Health Network and Medical Director for Primary Care Systems, Inc. Rick and Sarah reported on Electronic Medical Records and Patient Centered Medical Homes. The presentation was viewed in a very positive manner with great expectations for the state of WV. A question and answer period followed.

Walker thanked Rick and Sarah for their presentation and asked them to return to the Council and give a demonstration of the Personal Health Record, which is a part of the Electronic Medical Record.

Sonia Chambers, Chair of the WV Health Care Authority discussed with the members the State Health Plan. The Health Care Authority produced a State Health Plan in 1999. As part of Senate Bill 414 a strategic health plan is required by the GOHELP office. Sonia reported that it is very difficult to begin this plan because it covers so much. The Health Care Authority has hired a staff person to begin work on the health plan. Sonia will bring back to the Advisory Council members information as to what's out there, what other states are doing, etc. Several members of the advisory council are interested in working on the state health plan. Delegate Perdue had several questions regarding the plan. Sonia and Martha will set up a meeting to discuss further with Delegate Perdue.

Keri Kennedy, Manager of WV Office of Healthy Lifestyles shared with the group activities that the Office of Healthy Lifestyles are doing. WV is one of 25 states that receive funding from the Center for Disease Control to address the problems of obesity and other chronic diseases through statewide efforts coordinated with multiple partners. A question and answer period followed.

Martha Walker informed the Advisory Council members that the GOHELP office is working on an annual report which is due to the Legislature December 31, 2009. A draft will be sent to them via email for their review. She also shared with the group that the GOHELP office is in the process of creating a website. Staff worked with WV Interactive to create the shell of the site and staff will be responsible for maintaining the site. We will share the site with members as soon as possible. Members are urged to send any ideas/suggestions they have to [gohelp@wv.gov](mailto:gohelp@wv.gov).

The next meeting will be after the legislative session. Debbie will work with members to secure a date after March 13<sup>th</sup>. The members are in favor of the meetings being held on Wednesdays at 2:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned.